## ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 18th January 1968

Centenarian's Death. – A retired coachman who celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in September, Mr. Charles Henry Ralph COOPER, of 3a Swanmore Road. died at his home on Monday. He leaves five children. During the First World War, Mr. COOPER, who has two great-great-grandsons, served on the ground staff of the Royal Flying Corps. Most of his working life was spent in the employ of private firms, and he also worked for the late Lady SUTTON for many years. He will be well remembered among the older generation in Ryde, as the man who drove VANNER's horse-drawn town bus more than 40 years ago.

The funeral service takes place at the Ryde Cemetery Church to-day, and will be conducted by the Incumbent of St James', the Rev. Edgar GREEN.

Messrs. H. V. TAYLOR and Son are making the arrangements.

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